



Saraswati Amman

The concept of Mother worship has existed since the beginning of time. Adi Para Shakthi, as Divine Mother, is portrayed as cosmic energy in its dynamic form, This Divine mother takes many forms, commonly known as Kali Amma, Muthumarie Amma, Meenakshi Amma, Durga Amma, Luxmi Amma, Saraswathi Amma.

Saraswati Amma is the Hindu goddess of knowledge, music, arts, wisdom and nature. She is a part of the trinity of Saraswati, Lakshmi and Kali. All the three forms help the trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva in the creation, maintenance and destruction of the Universe. Saraswati Amma is strongly associated with flowing water in her role as a goddess of knowledge. She is depicted as a beautiful woman to embody the concept of knowledge as supremely alluring. She possesses four arms, and is usually shown wearing a spotless white sari and seated on a white lotus or riding a white swan.

In Hinduism, Vani Saraswati Amma represents intelligence, consciousness, cosmic knowledge, creativity, education, enlightenment, music, the arts, eloquence and power. Hindus worship her not for "academic knowledge", but for "divine knowledge" essential to achieve moksha. Saraswati Amma, the goddess of knowledge and arts, represents the free flow of wisdom and consciousness. She is the mother of the Vedas, and chants to her, called the 'Saraswati Vandana' often begin and end Vedic lessons. It is believed that goddess Saraswati Amma endows human beings with the powers of speech, wisdom and learning. She has four hands representing four aspects of human personality in learning: mind, intellect, alertness and ego. She has sacred scriptures in one hand and a lotus – the symbol of true knowledge – in the second. With her other two hands she plays the music of love and life on a string instrument called the Veena. She is dressed in white – the symbol of purity – and rides on a white swan – symbolizing Sattwa Guna or purity and discrimination.

- Poetry — the Rigveda contains hymns, representing poetry.
- Prose — Yajur Veda contains prose.
- Music — Sama Veda represents music.
- Philosophy - Atharvaveda

During Navarathri the festival dedicated to Durga (First 3 Days), Luxmi (Second 3 Days), Saraswathi (Last 3 Days) in the Month of Purnasi /Ayipasi Saraswati Amma is worshipped on the 9 Day. On this day, Children and Adult alike, visit temples to praise Saraswati Amma, and reap blessings of Gnyana or Knowledge. Sweets are offered to Her on this day to symbolize her sweetening of our intellect, thought, word and deed.

Many other Pujas, worshipping Kali Amma can be learnt. Shree Kali Amman Mandir hosts many such festivals, glorifying and worshipping Kali Amma throughout the year. Follow www.skam.co.za or Shree Kali Amman Mandir FB Page. –Guru Prakash Diar

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